



OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday 10:00am with the same safety requirements of masks and distancing. Reservations required. They may be made on the church website or by calling the church office. We will continue to stream worship services at 8:30am each Sunday on Facebook, YouTube, and the website www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/

**LISTEN TO SUNDAY SERVICE "LIVE" ON YOUR PHONE
CALL: 855 - 514 - 2017**

MORNING DEVOTIONS by Pastor John on the ELC Facebook page at 8am Monday through Saturday

ELC'S STAFF

Pastor John Twiton

Pastoral Intern: Tamara Siburg

Accompanists: Carol Engstad, Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underwood

Agape Preschool Director: Amy Kellesvig

Bell Choir Director: Kristin Willcutt

Custodian: Brian Johnson

Junior Choir Director: Barb Underwood

Music team leader: Pat Doty

Office Assistant: Carol Engstad

Office Manager: Kathy O'Donnell

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Diane Dangerfield

Youth Director: Brenda Martin

A Note from PASTOR JOHN

Both freedom and responsibility

A note from Pastor John

As this spring has crept in, along with it there is a growing sense that we are emerging into a new time of opportunity. It has been good to see some faces in the pews on Sunday morning, to see that many are receiving vaccines, and the growing sense that we may be finally getting toward the end of this pandemic.

Throughout this time a familiar theme has been played out in our day. That is, the balance between freedom and responsibility. People are often quick to proclaim that they are free to do as they want, but the Bible reminds us often that our personal freedom is always lived out in a community. Paul puts it this way:

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Galatians 5:13-14

and

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

This means that as a community of faith, we are called to consider not just what we are allowed to do as individuals, but also how our actions may affect the lives of others.

We are living in a day when opportunities are opening up, let's enjoy each day in such a way that we seek ways to build a better and stronger community. Let's reach out to others in compassion and share the gifts of God's grace which make our lives truly free.

God's Peace,



PASTORAL INTERN

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we begin another month we look forward to the return of warmer weather and the return to a new normal with more and more people being vaccinated against COVID-19. In the past many weeks, we have also seen a rise in actions that bring the opposite of the love we are called to share with our fellow children of God. We have seen a rise in the number of incidents that end with the death (physical, spiritual, & emotional) of our fellow children of God through gun violence, through racially charged responses to different situations, through different bills being introduced in various states to not love and accept the youth who have the courage to claim who God truly created them to be, and so much more.

As Christians, we might find ourselves asking how are we to respond?

*“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”
Isaiah 61:1-2 (echoed in Luke 4:18-19).*

God calls us to show and be love in the world and these words from Isaiah seem like a good place to start. We have the ability to speak and show love where there has been hate. It will be hard but with the knowledge that we are not alone we can draw strength from our faith in God to do such things. Speak up for those often overlooked and pushed to the sides, and if you have the opportunity, make space for those marginalized in your own communities (church, family, school, work, etc.) to speak in places where others will take time to listen to what they are sharing.

On a more personal note, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all who have offered prayers and words of comfort and condolences as I go through the processes of grief in mourning my grandmother's death. It wasn't unexpected, she was almost 97 and had been on Hospice care since August but it is still hard to lose someone who has

been a big part of my life and who has helped to shape me into the person you all now know.

Also, please let me know if you would like to set up a time to visit or chat about anything. Being fully vaccinated I am willing to meet up wherever and however you feel most comfortable to do so.

Peace,
Intern Tamara
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CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

MAY 2021 CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS...

SUNDAY SCHOOL on ZOOM - We will continue our Zoom sessions in May at 9 am. Our last day of Sunday school will be on May 23rd, for a special 'in person' gathering at 9:30 AM.

7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

- May 5th at 7 pm- (Hybrid),
- May 12th - No Confirmation;
- May 19th at 7 pm (Outdoor Gathering). More details to follow. Please wear a mask. Social distancing will be observed.

PRE-CONFIRMATION (6th Graders) - Our 6th graders will continue their classes on Wednesdays, **May 5th & May 12th, 3:45 - 4:45 PM** at ELC

FUSE NIGHTS (in person) - 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group at ELC on **Tuesdays, May 11th & 25th at 7 pm**. Please wear a mask. Fun to hang out in person!



GRADUATING SENIORS - Please send your photos, and your plans for after graduation to brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org by May 5th. This year, our Blanket Ceremony will be a private service for our seniors & their families

on May 12th at 7 pm. We will share the ceremony & slideshow online on May 23rd.

SUGAR CREEK “BACK IN THE SADDLE” – Online Registration is open for Sugar Creek Bible Camp Summer programs. They have a variety of programs (new & favorites) listed on their website, <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org>, for youth and families. Come and see in 2021!



2021 ELC SUMMER FUN - (Save the dates)

- **VBS/DAY CAMP 2021 - JULY 12 - 15th 9:30 - 11:30 am**
(Youth ages 3 - 5th grade)

ONLINE SIGN-UP LINK: <https://forms.gle/3FCz1yfrYqQEcxph6>
A time to be together outside in God’s creation.

- **EXPLORER DAY AT SUGAR CREEK - July 26th, 9 am - 3 pm**
(Children entering 1st - 5th grade in fall 2021)
- **CONFIRMATION CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK - July 25 - 30th,**
(7th & 8th) Register online at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org
- **GIVE/LOVE/SERVE (Service days) - New for 2021 - Middle - High school youth** may join us on **Thursdays**, throughout the summer, to help in various local service opportunities. This provides us with helping our neighbors all summer, and allowing flexibility for our youths with their summer schedules.
REGISTER online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea929a5ffc70-giveloveservice>

Campership forms can be picked up in the church office or e-mailed to you.

Blessings,

Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director
brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org

SPRING GREETINGS from AGAPE!

As we begin the start of our last full month of preschool, I feel very blessed and fortunate that this school year has been able to take place. I am so grateful for the tremendous support and flexibility of the teachers, parents, children, and board of directors. Thank You!!

In May, the students will learn about butterflies, gardens, flowers, kites, wind, and weather. I know there will be a lot of fun hands-on projects to go along with wonderful lessons and stories.

Enrollment for the 3-year-old classes is still ongoing as we have a few openings remaining for the coming 2021-2022 school year. Please share the word if you know of anyone looking.

Blessings,

Amy Kellesvig, Director
Agape Christian Preschool

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, May 25 – Last Day Red Class

Friday, May 28 – Last Day Yellow & Orange Classes

Monday, May 31 – No 4K classes, Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 8 – Last Day 4K classes

COUNCIL NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT March 2021

General Fund Activity (\$)					
	Mar 2021	Mar2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget
Income	29,323	27,042	72,193	69,853	91,969
Expense	29,184	24,0038	88,718	87,147	96,718
Net	139	3,004	(16,525)	(17,294)	(4,749)

March General Fund income (4 Sundays) was 8% more than last March (5 Sundays). March expenses were 21% more than last March, primarily due to adding an intern and higher snow removal and utilities costs. Year-to-date General Fund income (13 Sundays) is 3% more than prior year (13 Sundays) and 22% less than budget. YTD expenses are 2% more than prior year, primarily due to adding an intern, staff raises, and higher snow removal and utilities costs, partially offset by fewer staff hours and savings in various Congregational Life expenses; YTD expenses are 8% under budget, primarily due to fewer staff hours and savings various Congregational Life expenses, partially offset by higher snow removal costs.

Building "Maintenance" (Capital) Fund Activity (\$)					
	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget
Income	872	852	2,376	2,429	2,450
Expense	5,070	0	5,070	1,900	9,750
Net	(4,198)	852	(2,694)	529	(7,300)

March Building Maintenance Fund income was 2% more than last March. March 2021 expenses were for stone repairs. Year-to-date Building Maintenance Fund income is 2% less than prior year and 3% less than budget. YTD expense is for stone repairs, while the prior year expense was for HVAC repairs.

Mortgage Repayment Fund Activity (\$) [Loan Balance is \$12,960]					
	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD Budget
Income	4,764	3,606	11,111	10,331	10,890
Expense	3,630	3,630	10,890	10,890	10,890
Net	1,134	(24)	221	(559)	0

March Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 32% more than last March. Payments are equal to last March. Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 8% more than prior year and 2% more than budget. YTD payments are equal to prior year and budget, and include \$1,589 in interest (5% APR). The final mortgage payment is scheduled for spring 2024..

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall,
CPA, ELCMH Treasurer, March 14, 2021

PROPERTY REPORT-EAVES, STONES, TREE and SHRUBS

What's happening around the ELC property?

- Church got new eaves troughs and a few downspouts replaced.
- The disintegrating retaining wall in the corner of the Narthex and Fellowship Hall is being rebuilt.
- A diseased fir tree was removed and aging maple trees pruned and reinforced.

What's next?

- Now that the erosion has been eliminated, significant landscaping work will be done around the grounds adjacent to the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. New rock and edging will enhance the entire area.
- A church member family is planting a tree in memory of Pastor Bill Redman who served this congregation from 1974-1995. The area selected is the Main/Fourth street corner. Existing overgrown shrubbery will be removed and a new area planted.
- A review of the existing plantings around the church revealed a number of shrubs that have met their demise and need to be replaced. There is a Designated Fund for Landscaping which will be used to fund replacement of those. However, there is limited dollars in the fund to enable replacement of all of them. *If you'd like to contribute to keeping the grounds of this beautiful property maintained, please identify the Landscaping in your offerings. Care will be taken to purchase and plant those which will continue to enhance our property.*

DO YOU LIKE TO PAINT? Now that it's spring, refreshings and updatings are in the air. So true is our church building needs some updating. The interior walls are in need of a new coat of paint. Are there church members willing to volunteer time to help with the painting? If interested and willing please contact the church office and leave your name and contact information. The work will most likely be done on a Saturday. Paint and materials will be provided. Just need arms! Note: the chapel also needs repainting, but that work will be bid out to professionals.

A BIT OF HISTORY

Normally Council members write a short article about the ministry for which they are a liaison. I am the liaison for Agape Pre-School, but Amy does such a good job each month with her updates, that I am going to write about a little bit of history that Diane Bartz shared with the Council at our April meeting.

Our pipe organ was installed in 1962 at a cost of \$35,000. The Wicks organ was a gift from the daughter of pioneer area settlers, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dahle. A renovation was completed in 1999 and the cost was again \$35,000. It was a major undertaking involving “releathering” and a great deal of disassembly as well as a thorough cleaning which entailed removing all pipes that were 8 feet and smaller. In addition, the mechanical components were replaced with solid state controls. All this and much more resulted in an organ that was valued in excess of \$350,000 in 1999! Just imagine the value at today’s costs!

Next, the organists who make this instrument sing are of equal interest! The first organist was Fred Hanneman, who many will recognize as the namesake of the Hanneman Music Awards given each year at Mt. Horeb Middle and High Schools. He served as organist for 50 years. His daughter-in-law took over after his retirement, and then in 1982 Diane Dangerfield took over as the principal organist, and we continue to be blessed with her talents to this day! Ruth Heinecke is her alternate. We are truly blessed to have such talent in our congregation.

I found this interesting, and I hope you do, too. We are part of a long history of talented and hard-working people. The story of our organ is one little piece of that history that is important to appreciate.

Thanks for reading!

Vicky Rosenbaum
Council Representative

BENEVOLENCE

NHN Helps People Move from Simply Surviving to Thriving

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving." --
Mother Teresa

On a chilly Friday afternoon recently, a steady stream of vehicles flowed through the parking lot outside Neighbors Helping Neighbors' facility just off the beaten path downtown.

At this weekly contactless, drive-through food distribution, necessitated by the ongoing pandemic, grateful customers of all ages, family arrangements, and income levels received a nutritious variety of produce, meats, dairy, packaged goods, personal care essentials like toilet paper and shampoo, and their choice of weekly food specials - in this case, hard cheddar from world-renowned cheesemaker Willi Lehner.

The following morning, shoppers descended on the adjacent Clothes Closet and made their way through aisles of donated clothing, carefully sorted by department and by size, with name-brand finds on nearly every rack.

Earlier that week, NHN vice president Janna Hansen had connected an area family with fellow nonprofit organization Porchlight, which provides people a pathway to stable housing thanks to funding from NHN.

For our neighbors in need, there is no cost to these services. Yet they are priceless.

The vision of a one-stop resource hub in Mount Horeb has become a reality, thanks to the financial generosity of businesses and individuals in our community, a network of partners who provide truckloads of food every week, and an army of dedicated volunteers from 15 partner churches -- including ELC -- and the community at large.

An outgrowth of the Clothes Closet, which has served the community since 1997, NHN intended to ramp up gradually in 2020. That all changed once Covid-19 hit. NHN established a mobile food

pantry in March, shifted operations to its expanded home at 102 E. Lincoln St. in July, and merged with Blue Mounds Food Pantry late in the year.

By year's end, NHN had served more than 9,200 food shoppers and nearly 1,000 clothing shoppers in 2020. That translates to an average of 115 unique families served per month.

NHN was formed on the premise that we can elevate the quality of life for everyone in Mount Horeb by providing/connecting our most vulnerable citizens with resources that empower them to move from a survival mode to a place where they are able to thrive and prosper.

The heightened need for these services shows no signs of letting up through the early months of 2021, and NHN invites you to "put your love into the giving," as Mother Teresa said so eloquently.

For information about volunteering and connecting people in need with our services, go to mthorebneighbors.org. Donate through Benevolence this month by:

- **Mail:** Send a check to ELC and note "Benevolence" in the memo
- **Online:** Visit the ELC website and click "Give"
- **Digitally:** Download the "GivePlus Church" mobile app, or text "Benevolence" to 608-400-0183 with the amount you wish to give.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz

adammertz2@gmail.com

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

January: Compassion International - \$957

February: Racial justice programming - \$997

March: ELC summer youth programming - \$797

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday from 9am to noon. If you are coming into the building, you will be required to wear a mask and observe social distancing.

CD RECORDINGS of the Sunday services are available. Contact the church office if you would like one mailed: 437-5012 or elc@mhtc.net

A BIG THANK YOU to Conrad Richer for doing the power washing of the moldy stone work around the outside of the building! What a beautiful difference it makes. And thank to Tim Anderson for the use of the power washer. We have such wonderful people who are willing to help!

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 18th at 10 a.m. Rita Schraepfer will host. It will be a planning meeting.

SARAH CIRCLE will meet at church on Tuesday, May 18th, at 7 pm.

IN-PERSON SCRIPTURE READER UPDATES

As we transition to in-person services at ELC, we want to update our list of members interested in being scripture readers at in-person services. Vicky and John Rosenbaum are working on scheduling. If you have been a reader in the past, and want to continue reading, you need take no action - we will put you into the schedule rotation. If you would like to be added as an available reader, or you wish to discontinue reading for any reason, even temporarily, please contact Vicky at vyrosen@tds.net, or call her at 798-2768. Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer.

We need your name, phone number and email for our list. If you are currently a reader but have updated contact information, please let us know that as well. As a reminder, there is one service at 10:00 a.m. for the immediate future. The schedule will likely be for a month at a time for now.

We are especially interested in adding more young people to our list of readers in the future! Anyone of middle-school age or above is most welcome.

Thank you,

Vicky and John Rosenbaum jvrosen@tds.net
608 798-2768

ELC YOUTH FUNDRAISERS Thank you for supporting our youth summer trips with our Starla's Seasonings. If you would still like to order, please email Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org by May 2nd or use this online link. <https://forms.gle/y5voPtvH5LqjCRVYA>



Funds raised will go towards our youth summer trips, the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2022 and a mission trip. Checks may be written to **ELC Youth** and mailed to ELC Youth, %Brenda Martin, 315 E Main St, Mt Horeb, WI 53572 Thank you for your continued support.

BRATS IN THE LOT (At Miller's) -It is time for brats! Saturday, May 15th; 10 AM - 2 PM. Bake sale goodies as well. Come and enjoy the first brat/hot dog of the season! Thank you for supporting our youth!

ELC 'COFFEE TIME' RESUMES Coffee Time will resume on Wednesdays at 10am AND we will meet 'in person'. Please meet at ELC for time to gather and catch up with our church family.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PLEASE WELCOME JACK ADAM BRAGER into our church family.

Jack was baptized on Sunday, April 25, and is the son of Adam & Angela Brager and the brother of Grace & Liam. His sponsors are Joe Holan and Emily Brager.



Connie Peterson, Bonnie Bender, Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Norbert Haag (brother of Virgil Haag), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, Makenzee Smith, Shirley Thompson, Brock Howe, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith), Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Mary Krantz, Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Irene Bruflat, Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Peter Toniazzo, Grace Aavang

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS our partner congregation IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS are with

- † **The family & friends of Laurie Duden** (Brenda Martin's aunt, Warren Wilson's sister) who passed away April 16th
- † **The family & friends of Melba Tengesdal** (Intern Tamara Siburg's grandmother) who passed away April 16th
- †

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of

- † **Betty Finner** (Lynn Festge's mother) for **Music Memorials** from Gary & Marilyn Festge





During the month of May we want to recognize all active and veterans of ELC who are or have honorably served our county. THANK YOU for your service to our great nation and the sacrifices you make/made.

The following are active duty military serving our country at this time:

Kamryn Huseh
Brandon Lutz
Jacob Slaney

James Larson
Craig Mortvedt
Kaleb Stapelmann

Jack Lunaas
Grant Schult
Jacob Warner

The following are veterans from our congregation who have served our country:

Vaughn Ableman
James Collins
David Edwards
Chris Hook
Richard S Johnson
Kendall Kittleson
Ken Landen
Robert Schiefelbein
Steve Stensby
Jim Uptegraw

Allan Bartz
Vern Drape
David Field
Jeff Hook
Larry Kaletka
Scott Klassey
Patrick O'Donnell
Gerald Stamm
Irvin Steinhauer
Delbert Warner

David Baumgartner
Daniel Edwards
David Flom
John Huseh
Paul Kellesvig
Wayne Knudson
Harland Oimoen
Marc Stamm
Peter Strube





May

BIRTHDAYS

1	Joshua Kahl	10	Sandy Fischer	22	Grace Hamburg
	Cody Sveum		Suzi Grundahl		Anita Nagle
	Savanna Thorsen		Jennifer Mullendore	23	Sarah Baum
2	Tyler Crubaugh	11	Logan Hinsenkamp		Jessica Lorenz
	Taylor Kitsemble		John Malin		Kelley O'Connell
	John Topper		John Nielsen	24	Sandra Cushman
	Blake Vasen	12	John Coffin		Nolan Krentz
3	Darrick Kreul		Colin Schulenberg		Carol Nielsen
	Amy Sinner		Laurie Vogt	25	Kerstin Edwards
4	Dorothy Bergum	13	Grace Brager		Claire Hamburg
	Sandy Hook		Jeremy Olson		Mike Heiting
5	Caylen Kahl		Lily Rollins		Janice Olday
	Domonic Krueger		Sedona Vondra		Chelsea Sailor
6	Joel Kahl	14	Sarah Schloesser		Charles Willcutt
	David Vogt	15	Maggie Calhoun	26	Nathan Albrecht
	Del Warner		George Klaetsch		Jackson Rameker
	Leah Zelle		Eric Schloesser	27	Glenn Hook
	Maren Zupan-Walsh		Henry Willcutt		Grant Schult
7	Martha Faust	16	Marilyn Festge		Mark Sherven
	Norm Hefty		Evelyn Oimoen		Parker Woolard
8	Viviana Helwig		Kim Steinhauer	28	Athena Eggers
	Roselee Losenegger		Warren Wilson		Daniel Lins
	Melissa Rameker	17	Laura Smith		Amanda Lutz
	Robbe Schulenberg	18	Wes Parks	29	Emmitt Kahl
	Steve Steinl		Kelly Steinl		Ken Landen
9	Jason Fendrick	19	Morgan Kitsemble	30	Cathie Anderson
	Emily Wallace	20	Kris Muelhenkamp		Gary Festge
	Ava Zupan-Walsh		Kaleb Stapelmann		Brenda Monroe
		21	Sam Kellesvig	31	Dan Gibney
			Pete Strube		

If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



- You can hold but not touch this. _____
- Before using this, you must break it. _____
- This falls without getting hurt. _____
- This gets bigger the more you take away. _____
- This has an eye but cannot see. _____

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit

to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV